Conference of Chief Ministers for Liberation of Scavengers

1729. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has urged to convene a conference of Chief Ministers to highlight the urgency of liberating scavengers; and

(b) if so, by when the conference is likely to be called?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Removal of Mochi Community from SC List

1730. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal from Gujarat for removal of Mochi community from the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above matter is pending with the Central Government for clearance since September, 1990; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in clearing the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Escape of Drug Addicts from Social Welfare Home in Delhi

1731. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drug addicts escaped recently from the Social Welfare Home of the Delhi Administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, conducted into the circumstances leading to their escape from the Social Welfare Home; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Sixty Drug Addict-Beggars escaped from Reception-cum-Classification Centre (RCC) at Kingsway Camp, Delhi on 11-7-1993. They were arrested on 8-9 July 1993 in a special drive against drug addict-beggars under the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act 1959, as extended to the UT of Delhi.

As per the report received from the Delhi Administration, in the course of their two days' stay in the Reception-cum-Classification Centre, the drug addicts developed acute withdrawal symptoms and became desperate. At the same time, one of the inmates who happended to be a TB patient fainted. Two Care-takers on duty took him on a stretcher to a medical unit attached to the complex, leaving one Care-taker on duty at the RCC. The drug addicts made use of this occasion, organised themselves, attacked the lone Care-taker at the Centre, broke the gate and managed to escape.

(c) and (d) The preliminary spot-enquiry conducted by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration has verified about the security arrangements made and the circumstances under which the escape took place. The Delhi Administration has pointed out that the incident of escape on 11-7-93 was due to a strange combination of events. It has reported that the normal security arrangements for the Beggar Homes in Delhi is not inadequate. However, Delhi Administration has requested Delhi Police to permanently deploy security in night-shifts.

अल्पसंख्यक आयोग की सिफारिशें

1732. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल**: क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों में अल्पसंख्यक आयोग ने सरकार को कितनी सिफारिशें भेजी हैं; और

(ख) इनमें से सरकार ने कितनी सिफारिशों को अपनी स्वीकृति दी है और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अल्पसंख्यक आयोग ने सरकार की 3 रिपोर्टें अर्थात क्रमशः 1988-89, 1989-90 तथा 1990-91 की 11वीं, 12वीं तथा 13वीं वार्षिक रिपोर्टें प्रस्तुत की हैं। इन रिपोर्टों की जिन में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ की सिफारिशें शामिल हैं, इस समय सरकार जांच कर रही है और की गई कार्रवाई ज्ञापन सहित संसद के दोनों सभा पटलों पर रख दी जाएगी।